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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF OFFICIAL GOP VISITS TO TAIWAN

1. GENERAL ESPINO, CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMED FORCES, TOLD CHIEF JUSMAG THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS H*S APPROVED HIS TRAVEL TO TAIWAN IN RETURN FOR CA*L BY HIS COUNTERPART LAST MARCH. HE EXPECTS TO VISIT TAIWAN IN JANUARY.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL OF GENERAL ESPINO'S TRAVEL REPRESENTS THE EASING OF LOW PROFILE POLICY THAT PRESIDENT IMPOSED IN SEPTEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPING GOP OVERTURES TO PRC. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OFFICIAL GRC VISITS TO THE PHILIPPINES SINCE THAT DATE, FEW SENIOR PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL TO TAIWAN. RAISING OF PROFILE BY PRESIDENT PRESUMABLY IS PART OF GOVERNMENT'S DELIBERATE, TWO STEPS FORWARD ONE STEP BACKWARD POLICY OF READJUSTING RELATIONS WITH THE TWO CHINAS. CHANGE IN SEPTEMBER POLICY NO DOUBT ALSO RELATED TO GOP'S INTEREST IN LOGISTICAL SUPPORT THAT GRC PROVIDES.
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